



PYLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held Remotely

on

Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 6pm

Present

Councillors; Andrew Radmore (Chair), Gary Chappell, Alan John, Kay John, Amy Jones, Andrea Jones, Mike Kearn & Rhys Watkins

Clerk to the Council; Dawn Evans

Events Assistant: Mary Webber

Representations from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Workman.

2. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr M Kearn provided members with an update on work being undertaken by BCBC. He also reported that he has been taking forward reports of pothole repairs throughout the area. Cllr Kearn also continues to liaise with BCBC regarding highway safety at Marshfield Avenue and request response to requests he has made to BCBC for consideration of match funding for provisions of highway safety measures throughout the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill. Cllr Kearn reported on recent meeting at Mynydd Cynffig Primary School, involving BCBC, representatives of the Community Council, the Air Training Cadets and local Allotment Plot holders, to discuss Feasibility Study being taken forward by BCBC relating to building of new school to accommodate both the Infants and Junior schools of Mynydd Cynffig on the current Junior School site. Cllr Andrea Jones asked what would happen to the site the Infant School currently sits on. This matter was discussed, along with the anticipated timescale for the completion of the new school, should the Feasibility Study and the other mandatory stages of this plan be successful.

3. Declaration of Interest in Accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 declaration of interest will be provided throughout the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2020

Cllr G Chappell proposed that the minutes of meeting held on 8 September be approved. Seconded by Cllr Andrea Jones. All members were in agreement.

5. Matters arising from minutes as item 4 above

None.

6. Reports

a) Clerk's Report

- i. The Clerk reported that there had been no requirement to undertake an investigation into comments made by Cllr Watkins at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Pyle CC, relating to Declarations of Interest and the non-political nature of Community Councils, as requested by Cllr Gebbie. Cllr Watkins reiterated that his intention had been to remind fellow Council members of the obligation relating to declarations of interest and the importance of a non-political agenda for community councils. Cllr Radmore added that it is important members feel comfortable to speak candidly at meetings, with no fear of reprisals.
- ii. The Clerk reported that Cllr Radmore is undertaking an Independent Investigation on behalf of Cornelly Community Council, into an employment matter. Members discussed the merits of assisting neighbouring councils with their work and working in partnership for the benefit of both parties.
- iii. **Pandy Park** - PCSO Jo Robey has reported that the PCSOs are undertaking regular monitoring visits to the park and there have been no problems. It has been noted that the park is very well used by families and young people in a positive way and this is good to see. The consultation with residents discussed at the last meeting is currently on hold due to the local Lockdown.
- iv. **Waun Cimla** - The Clerk reported that she had spoken to PCSO Robey about the police response to the Waun Cimla planning application and it had been confirmed that in the police's opinion, if a park was to be placed in this area, lighting and fencing should be part of the development. PCSO Robey had suggested other areas where play equipment could be sited. Members discussed these proposals, but members did not feel the areas suggested would provide the play facilities that are needed in the Crown Road area of Kenfig Hill. It was agreed a site meeting would be held at Waun Cimla on 5th October, at 1.30pm.
- v. **Heathbridge Miners Memorial** - The Clerk gave details of proposals by Nigel Talbot (the architect who designed the memorial) to reinstate the fallen plaques by placing aluminium frames around them and screwing them into the memorial. The cost would be a maximum of £500 for 30 plaques. Members discussed this proposal. Cllr Watkins proposed that all plaques be removed, the wall re-rendered and painted, and the plaques be drilled with holes to put them back onto the wall. Cllr Chappell will make enquiries with 'Lasers Are Us' the plaque suppliers, about the feasibility of drilling holes into the plaques.

b) Members Reports

- i) **Cllr G Chappell** reported on youths gathering at KHRFC's pitch leaving broken glass and litter, and the efforts being made to address this problem.
Cllr Chappell also reported on signs that have been placed on lamp posts throughout the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill advertising a food delivery service in Port Talbot. Members discussed this issue. The Clerk was asked to report this matter to BCBC. Cllr Kean will also raise a 'Members Referral' with BCBC regarding it.
- ii. **Cllr Watkins** requested that the site for the wild garden project be changed to the Toddlers Park at Heathbridge. It is now known that the wild garden is very small and this site would be better suited to it. Members discussed this matter and agreed to the change of site. The Clerk was asked to request permission from BCBC for the planting of the small garden.
- iii. Cllr Radmore spoke about concerns for the sustainability of the Talbot Community Centre in light of the Lockdown and the associated lack of income for the Centre. Members discussed this matter. It was agreed the community council's concerns would be relayed to the Directors of the Centre.

Cllr Amy Jones and Cllr M Kearn declared an interest in this matter as it relates to the Talbot Community Centre.

7. Plans for Christmas 2020

The Clerk reported that Chaplin's Pantos had asked whether the Council wished to have the deposit paid for the 2020 panto returned or should it be used as an early booking for 2021 panto? The early booking of the panto for 2020 had ensured the 2019 price was paid. If the deposit is left with Chaplin's Pantos then the 2019 price will be honoured for the 2021 booking and the equivalent booking date will also be honoured. Cllr Chappell proposed that the deposit be left with Chaplin's Pantos for 2021. Cllr Radmore seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement. Mrs Webber said there are no plans for Christmas events yet, but a meeting of the Festive Sub-committee will be held on Thursday 24th September. Cllr Amy Jones to be invited to this meeting in her role as Manager of the Talbot Community Centre.

8. Plans for Remembrance Day 2020

Mrs Webber reported on arrangements with Fr Jonathan involving a service at the monument, with placing of wreaths on behalf of organisations being done whilst adhering to social distancing regulations. Live streaming of the event will be taken forward. The Community Council will liaise with the Royal British Legion regarding the purchase of wreaths for local organisations. Plans for this social distanced event were discussed. The Community Council will not be taking forward poppy selling rotas for Asda this year, Asda will be making their own arrangements regarding this.

9. Festival Week & Party on the Pitch 2021

The first meeting to discuss plans for the 2021 Festival Week & Party on the Pitch will be held in November.

10. Finance / Staffing

Members had been provided with financial information and Budget monitoring data to date. Cllr M Kearn proposed agreement of financial information and payment of accounts. Cllr Amy Jones seconded this proposal. All members were in agreement.

The budget was discussed, including the adverse implications the extra costs associated with any planning conditions relating to the Waun Cimla project would have. It would mean that there would be less monies to take forward safety measures on Commercial Street/Pisgah Street/Bridge Street. This matter will be included in the discussions at the Waun Cimla site visit scheduled for 5th October.

11. Plan relating to Biodiversity maintenance & enhancement

As discussed at item 6(b)(ii).

12. Planning

The following planning applications have been received:

- Planning Application Consultation P/20/631/FUL 33 Collwyn Road, Pyle CF33 6AL
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.
- Planning Application Consultation P/20/661/FUL Pyle Garden Centre, 2 Heol Mostyn, Pyle CF33 6BJ
There were no comments/objections relating to this application.

13. Rights of Ways / Open Spaces / Highways

- Cllr Kearn reported on litter picks he has recently attended with the local Litter Picking group.
- All footpaths are being properly maintained

14. Correspondence

None.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6pm on 20th October. The Clerk was asked to facilitate public

attendance

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Dawn Evans
Clerk to the Council